

Msgr. Julian Varettoni, Pastor Emeritus



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Msgr. Julian Varettoni, pastor emeritus of Sacred Heart Parish in Clifton, entered eternal life, Feb 23rd, he was 92. Ordained on June 4th, 1955 at St. John's Cathedral, Paterson, NJ. A graduate of Seton Hall Prep and Seton Hall Univ., completing his theological studies at the former Immaculate Conception Seminary and the Catholic Univ. of America. His first assignment was at St. Anthony Parish, Hawthorne. A year later he was named assistant pastor of St. Mary Parish, Dover, and chaplain at the former Dover General Hospital. He taught at Morris Catholic High School, Denville (59-64). He was assigned to St. George Parish, Paterson and was also on the faculty of DePaul Catholic High School, Wayne. He taught psychology at the former nursing school of St. Joseph Hospital, Paterson. He served as Defender of the Bond for the Marriage Tribunal (65-70), and in 1971 was elected to the Priests Senate. In 1967, he was one of the first pastors to organize a parish council. His pastorate included rebuilding and expanding the former parish school, after a fire in 1981. He was named a monsignor in 1994 by St. Pope John Paul II. Msgr., is survived by his dear brother Leroy and his wife Roberta Varettoni, their 3 children; David and his wife Michelle, Cynthia, and William; his sister-in-law Frances Varettoni, her 2 children; Robert and his wife Nancy, and Susan and her husband Greg Woldanski. He was predeceased by his dear brother Robert. On Wed, March 1st, 2023, at 3pm, Msgr. Julian B. Varettoni, will be received into Sacred Heart Church, 145 Randolph Ave, Clifton, NJ 07011; where he will lay in state until 7 pm. Evening prayer will begin 7pm, and visitation will conclude at 8pm. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thurs, 11am, at Sacred Heart Church. As this is the Lenten season, there will be no flowers in church, the family has requested contributions to one of four organizations, close to the Monsignor's heart, would be most appreciated; Eva's Village, www.EvasVillage.org or Catholic Charities, www.ccPaterson.org or The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, www.rcdop.org/missions-office or lastly, EWTN, - www.ewtn.com For the full obituary or to leave condolences for the family, please visit: www.MarroccoS.com